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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: James K. Falbo

Application No.: 10/040,055

Group No.: 2825

Filing Date: 12/31/2001

Examiner: unknown

For: "Shape-Based Geometry Engine To Perform Smoothing And Other Layout Beautification Operations"

**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Date: March 13, 2002

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
- STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
- EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims					
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Total	54	Minus	54	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$280 =	\$0
Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

**No additional fee for claims is required.**

- FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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